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The Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism (GOSV) is a unit of the Governor's Office of Community Initiatives. Through federal funding, the GOSV annually sponsors [16 AmeriCorps State programs](#) that support over 1,000 AmeriCorps members. These members provide support for disaster services, economic opportunity, education, environmental stewardship, healthy futures, and veterans and military families in Maryland. The GOSV also advocates for effective volunteer program management and recognizes volunteer service across the state on behalf of the Governor of Maryland.

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GOSV Announces Operation AmeriCorps Grants Opportunity

Baltimore, MD (December 4, 2014) –The GOSV announced today the availability of federal grants for Operation AmeriCorps program, a newly created program by the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS). Operation AmeriCorps will use national service as the transformative catalyst to address a community's most pressing local problem.

Through Operation AmeriCorps, tribal and local leaders will identify a high priority local challenge which AmeriCorps members can address in a relatively short period of time (no more than two years). The grant competition is open exclusively to tribal and local governments, including counties, cities, towns, and school districts. The proposed solution may be a new initiative, or it may use national service to scale up an existing successful effort; in either case, AmeriCorps must be the additive ingredient to achieve transformative change at the local level.

To find more information and access the application materials, visit www.nationalservice.gov/programs/ameriCorps/operation-ameriCorps. The GOSV will provide assistance and information to potential Maryland applicants who complete a GOSV's Operation AmeriCorps Survey by December 26, 2014. The survey can be accessed at www.surveymonkey.com/s/2015OperationAmeriCorpsMD. Submission of the survey is not part of the CNCS' requirements, and the GOSV strongly encourages applicants to closely read the CNCS materials to meet all of the deadlines.

Concept papers are due to CNCS by January 13, 2015. Prior to the deadline, Maryland applicants are highly recommended to submit a pdf version of their concept paper to the GOSV's Outreach Manager, Julie Mendez at julie.mendez@maryland.gov with "Operation AmeriCorps" in the subject line. Concept papers received by December 30, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. will be read by the GOSV staff and may receive feedback and comments for improvement.

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